



At the event, Members of Congress, Capitol Hill staff and special guests filled their plates from a 12-foot long table groaning with spinach, hard boiled eggs, mushrooms and bacon bits - all the ingredients for a classic spinach salad. Secretary Johanns and his wife built their own gourmet meals. As part of the Spinach Is Back theme, Rep. Farr presented the Secretary with a bumper sticker that trumpets I LOVE SPINACH! Rep. Farr, Secretary Johanns and Dr. Brackett all made short speeches reaffirming that the E.coli scare was over and that their agencies were putting every available resource to further research on how best to prevent future contaminations. Chairman Bonilla said he ate spinach "every night with his dinner" and was sorely disappointed when it was withdrawn from the market temporarily. To make up for it he said, he was eating spinach "twice a day now!" For additional photos of the event including other VIPS or a shot of the 12-foot long banquet table full of spinach, please contact Rep. Farr's office at 202-225-2861.